REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending with claims 9-11 and 16-39 being withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 being independent. Claims 1-8 and 12-15 are subject to a restriction requirement. Upon entry of the afore-mentioned election of species corresponding to Benzyloxycarbonyl-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-[5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide, Claims 1-8, and 11-15 will be pending and under active consideration.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicant believes there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

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